

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**ARNEL KNIGHT,**

**Defendant.**

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**CASE NO. 8:09CR411**

**MEMORANDUM  
AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on the Defendant's pro se motion to reduce his sentence as a result of the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010 (Filing No. 95) and the motion to withdraw filed by Assistant Federal Public Defender Jeffrey Thomas (Filing No. 98).

The Defendant pleaded guilty to Count I of the Indictment, which charged him with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute at least 5 grams of a mixture or substance containing crack cocaine, resulting in a statutory minimum sentence of 5 years. On May 24, 2010, the Defendant was sentenced to the mandatory minimum sentence of 60 months imprisonment. The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals has determined "that the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010, moderating mandatory minimum cocaine base sentences, is not retroactive." *United States v. McKoy*, 665 F.3d 968, 970 (2011). *But see United States v. Hill*, 417 F. App'x 560 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir.), *cert. granted*, 132 S. Ct. 759 (2011). Therefore, at this time the Defendant is not entitled to a further reduction. Because there are no other nonfrivolous issues that may be addressed with respect to the Defendant's sentence, defense counsel's motion to withdraw will be granted.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Defendant's motion to reduce his sentence (Filing No. 95) is denied; and

2. The motion to withdraw filed by Assistant Federal Public Defender Jeffrey Thomas (Filing No. 98) is granted.

DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

BY THE COURT:

s/Laurie Smith Camp  
Chief United States District Judge